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2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
3 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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5 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
6 Plaintiff,
7 v.
8 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
9 COMPANY,
10 Defendant.

Case No. 14-cr-00175-TEH

**ORDER REFERRING DISCOVERY
TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

11 At 6:59 PM on Friday, December 4, Defendant Pacific Gas and Electric Company
12 (“PG&E”) filed a motion (Docket No. 198) requesting leave to file four discovery motions
13 on Monday, December 7.¹ PG&E seeks to have these motions heard on the 14-day
14 schedule provided by Criminal Local Rule 47-2 rather than the 21-day schedule required
15 by this Court’s standing order. In part, PG&E seeks a compressed schedule based on the
16 January 4, 2016 deadline for filing motions in limine. While PG&E contends that good
17 cause exists for allowing leave to file these four motions at this time, it does not explain
18 why some or all of the motions could not have been brought earlier.

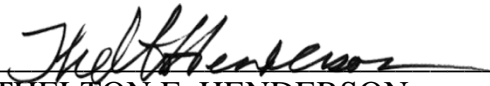
19 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all discovery disputes, including whether PG&E
20 should be allowed leave to file these four additional motions, are now referred to a
21 magistrate judge. If the assigned magistrate judge determines that additional motion
22 practice should be allowed but that a decision cannot reasonably be issued in time for the
23 parties to file motions in limine by January 4, 2016, then this Court will entertain a
24 stipulation and proposed order to continue the trial date and pretrial deadlines, including
25 the deadline to file motions in limine. If an extension is warranted but the parties cannot
26 reach complete agreement, then the parties shall file a joint statement setting forth all areas

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28 ¹ Leave of court is now required to file any motions other than motions in limine.
Order for Pretrial Preparation at 3 (Docket No. 64).

1 of agreement and their respective positions on all areas of disagreement; this statement
2 must include a discussion of any implications under the Speedy Trial Act.

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4 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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6 Dated: 12/07/15

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THELTON E. HENDERSON
United States District Judge

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